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| In re application of:              | ) |  |
| PHILIP E. EGGERS et al.            | ) | Examiner: unassigned                   |
| Application No.: <i>unassigned</i> | ) | Art Unit: unassigned                   |
| Filed: <i>herewith</i>             | ) |  |
| For: SYSTEM FOR TREATING           | ) | <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE</b>          |
| ARTICULAR CARTILAGE DEFECTS        | ) | <b>STATEMENT UNDER</b>                 |
|                                    | ) | <b><u>37 CFR \$1.97 and \$1.98</u></b> |

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Sir:

The references cited on attached form PTO-1449 are being called to the attention of the Examiner. Applicant believes copies of most of the references can be found in parent application no. 09/177,861 filed October 23, 1998. Applicant has included copies of certain articles which cannot be found in the parent application. If the Examiner needs copies of additional references, please contact the undersigned. It is respectfully requested that the cited information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

Applicant believes that no fee is required for submission of this statement, since it is being submitted prior to the first Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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